DIY 'wood-effect' Shogi, Tori Shogi, Chu Shogi, Wa Shogi and Dai Shogi boards. July 2020.

This page tells you how to make simple bamboo Shogi, Tori Shogi, Chu Shogi, Wa Shogi and Dai Shogi boards using these templates and paper or 160—210 gsm card. These boards are designed to fit onto a sheet of A3 paper. The Shogi and Tori Shogi boards approximate to 'standard-size' boards, though they are **not** exact. The Chu Shogi, Wa Shogi and Dai Shogi boards are smaller than a 'full-size' board in order to get them onto an A3 sheet. This is cheaper than buying a proper Shogi board!

Remember, you will need a printer capable of handling A3 paper.

The Shogi boards come in three flavours – with alphanumeric rank/file markings (as in Shogi magazine), with numeric rank/file markings (as in Nekomado and Shogi Foundation books) and with no rank/file markings – take your pick,

Select and print the page you want – you have a choice of Shogi, Tori Shogi, Chu Shogi, Wa Shogi and Dai Shogi boards, both with and without rank and file markings. You can print onto paper or thin card (160gsm maximum if using a laminator – see below).

What should you do with this stuff? With a little care, using *good quality* materials, you can produce a very effective Shogi board. I **strongly** recommend using lamination for these boards, though you can use double-sided adhesive tape. You can also use glue, but **beware** – if you *do* use thinner paper, and choose to use glue, the glue will almost certainly 'bleed' through the paper and cause the ink to run.

To make the board, simply place the board in an A3 laminating pouch and pass through a laminator. You can trim the board before passing through the laminator, and then trim the resultant again, but do be careful to leave a margin of at least 1/8" of welded plastic all round or the board may de-laminate.

If using double-sided adhesive tape, cover the back of the board with continuous strips of tape (I recommend UniBond 38mm wide tape), and then carefully apply to a suitable piece of heavyweight card or mounting board and trim to the required size with a sharp knife.

If all this seems a little over the top, consider that with a little care, using **good quality** materials, you can make a really nice Shogi board – I made several while developing the kit, and they were all fine.

More copies of this document, are available free from **https://tinyurl.com/RogersShogiArchive**. This is my Dropbox Shogi archive. The file is called **DIY Shogi boards – large - bamboo.pdf**. Please feel free to give copies away.

Shogi pieces are available from the file **DIY Shogi set – large.pdf**.

If you want a free Introduction to Shogi, go to the same Dropbox location, and download a copy of the 190+ page 'book' *Introduction to Shogi*. It's free too (and is also available from: **http://eric.macshogi.com**). Covers many aspects of Shogi at an introductory level – equipment, moves, rules, strategy, tsume, bibliography, etc.

What next? Go and buy a real book. *Shogi for Beginners* by John Fairbairn is the best starter book for new players. **Don't** pay over the odds for this book, it's quite old, but it's still available at a reasonable price. Go to the Aobo Shop (**http://en.aobo—shop.com/**) to get a sensible price – it was less than £16 last time I looked.

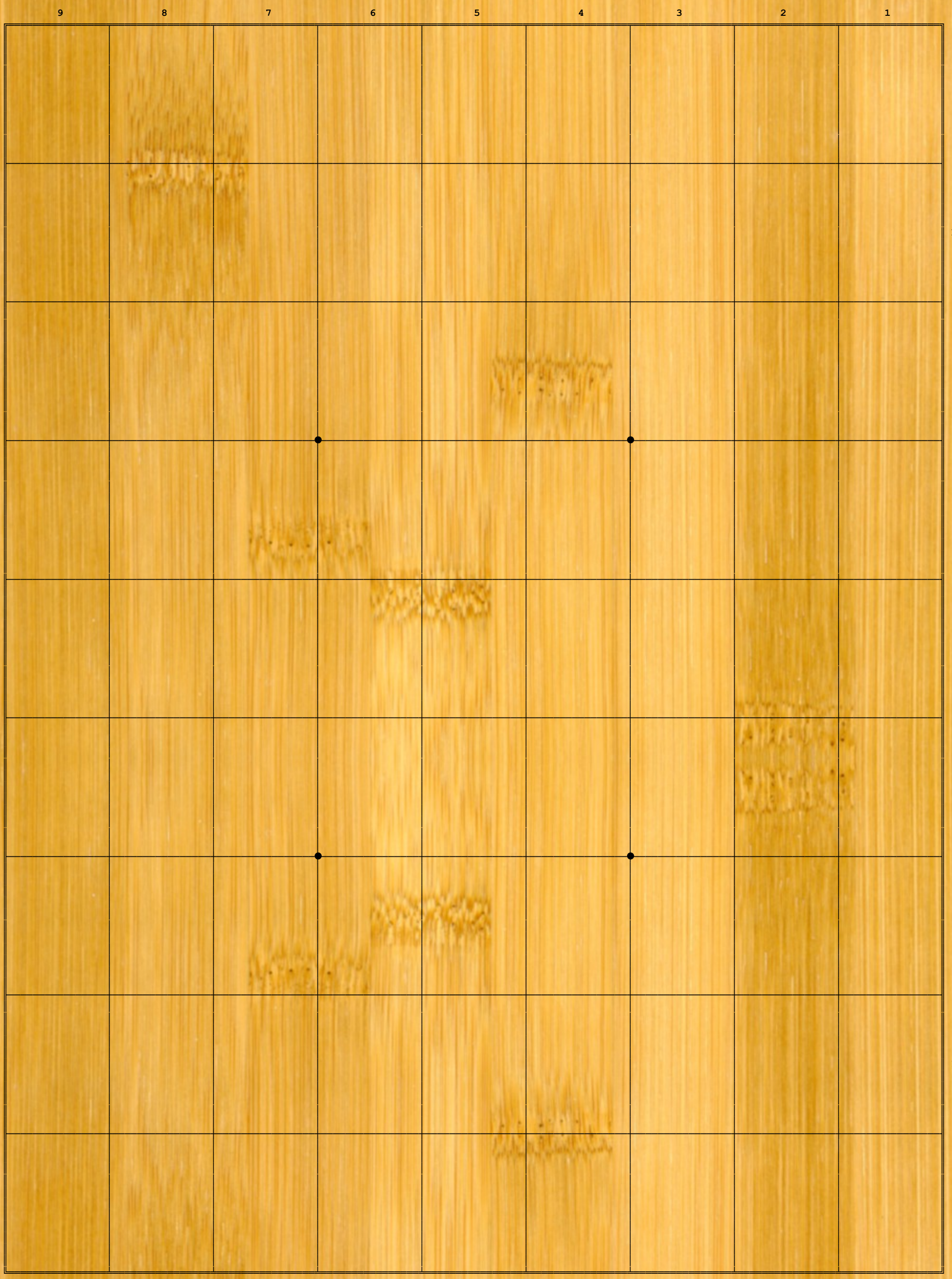
Want to know even more about Shogi? Go to Wikipedia (**https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Main_Page**) and type 'Shogi' into the search box. **Lots** of information here (some people might say too much!).

Can't find anyone to play against? Go to **https://www.techsupportalert.com/content/shogidokoro.htm-0** and download the free *Shogidokoro* program. It comes with one 'engine', and you can play against the program (Windows only). Experienced players can also download and install stronger engines for a better game. An alternative is *ShogiGUI* which can be downloaded from **http://shogigui.siganus.com/**.

Hooked? Want a real Shogi set? You can find reasonably priced sets on Amazon – really good sets will be more expensive though.

The key to success with these DIY Shogi boards is to use good quality materials. In the U.K, you can buy wide (Unibond brand, 5m x 38mm) double-sided adhesive tape (for the boards) from B&M stores; narrow (8m x 18mm) double-sided adhesive tape (for the pieces) from The Works stores; and white mounting card and white 160-210 gsm card from Hobbycraft stores. Laminating pouches from Office Outlet stores.

Shogi board – alphanumeric rank/file markings.



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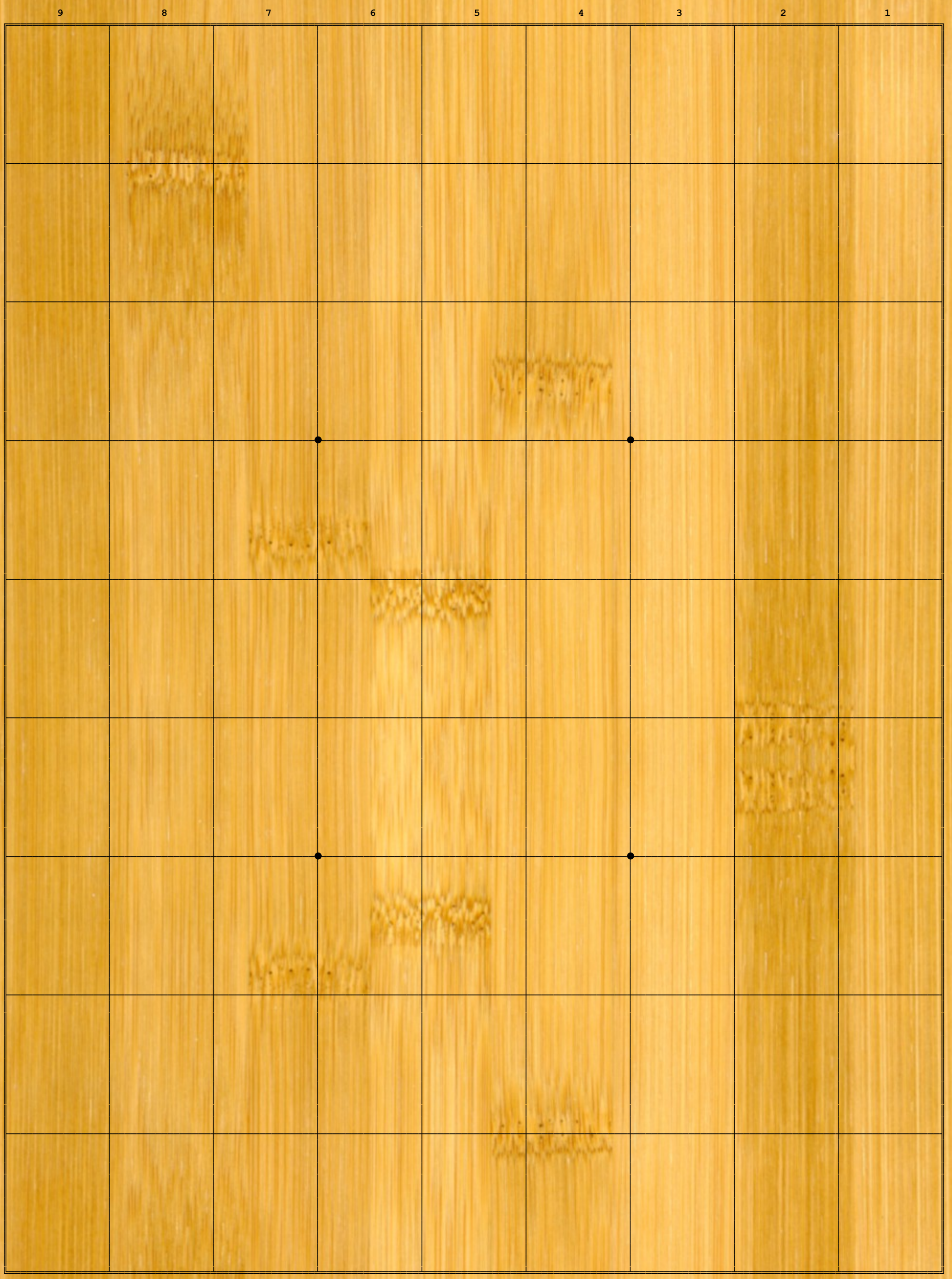
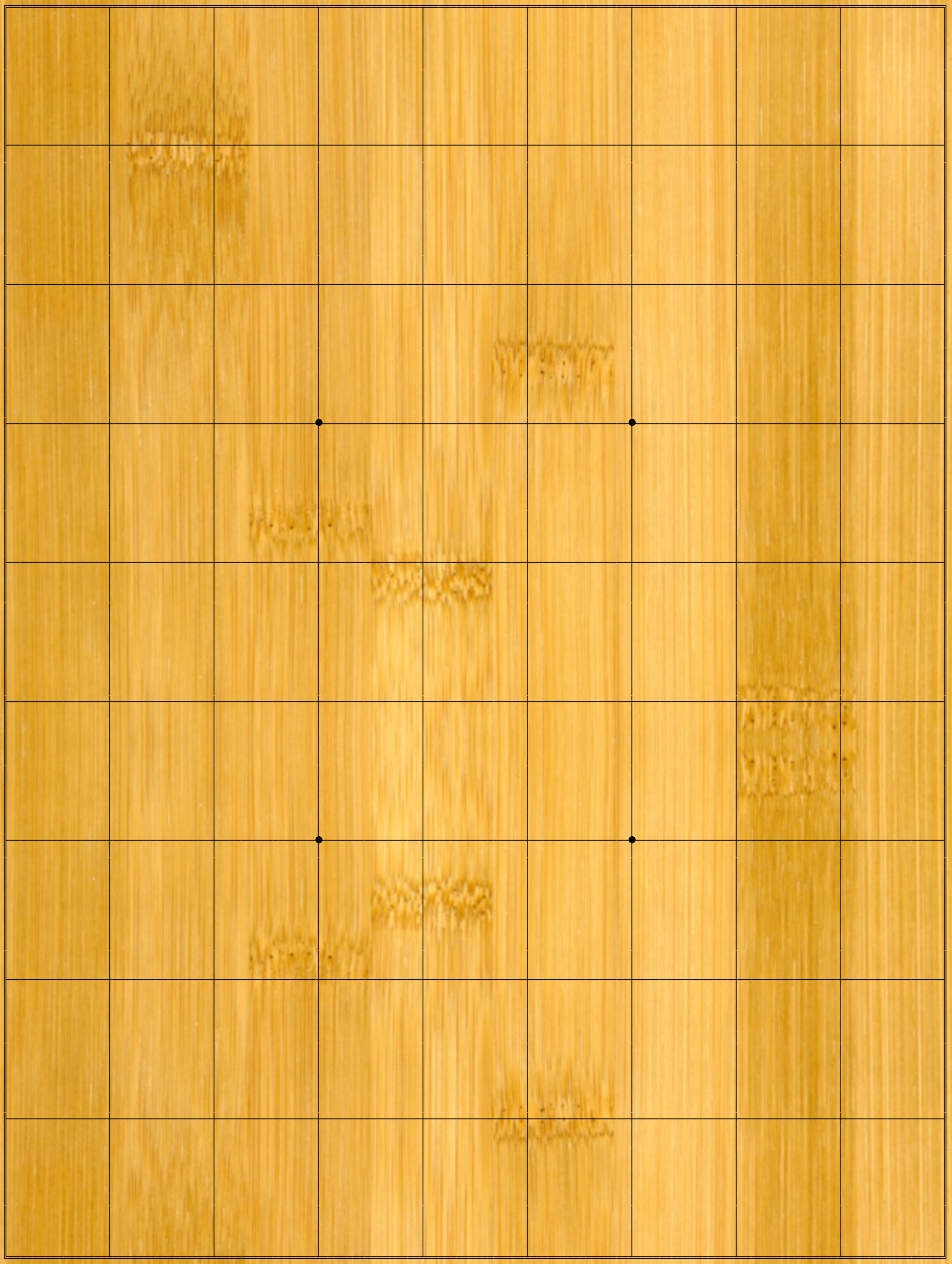
Shogi board – numeric rank/file markings.



Shogi board – no rank/file markings.



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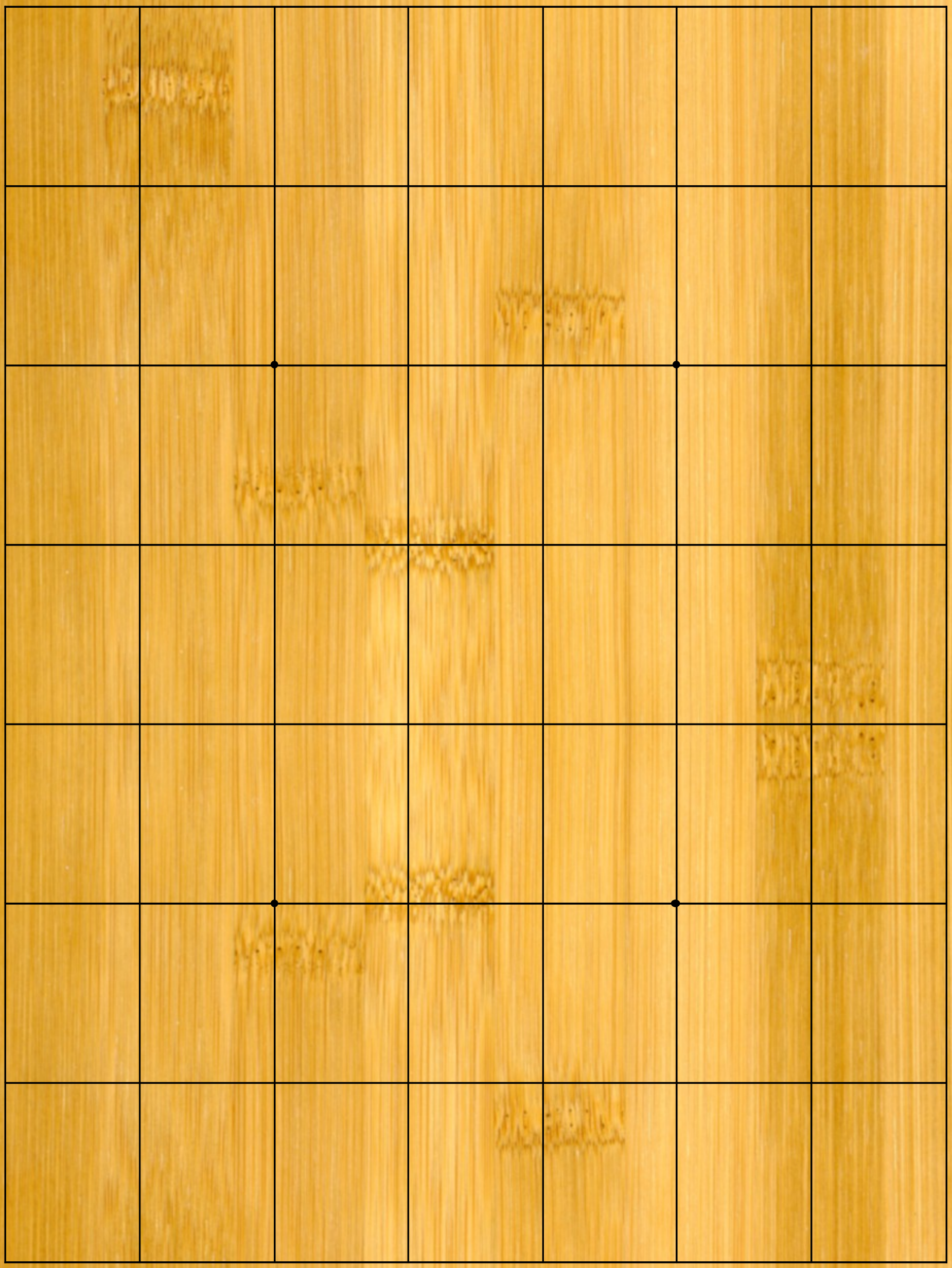
Tori Shogi Board



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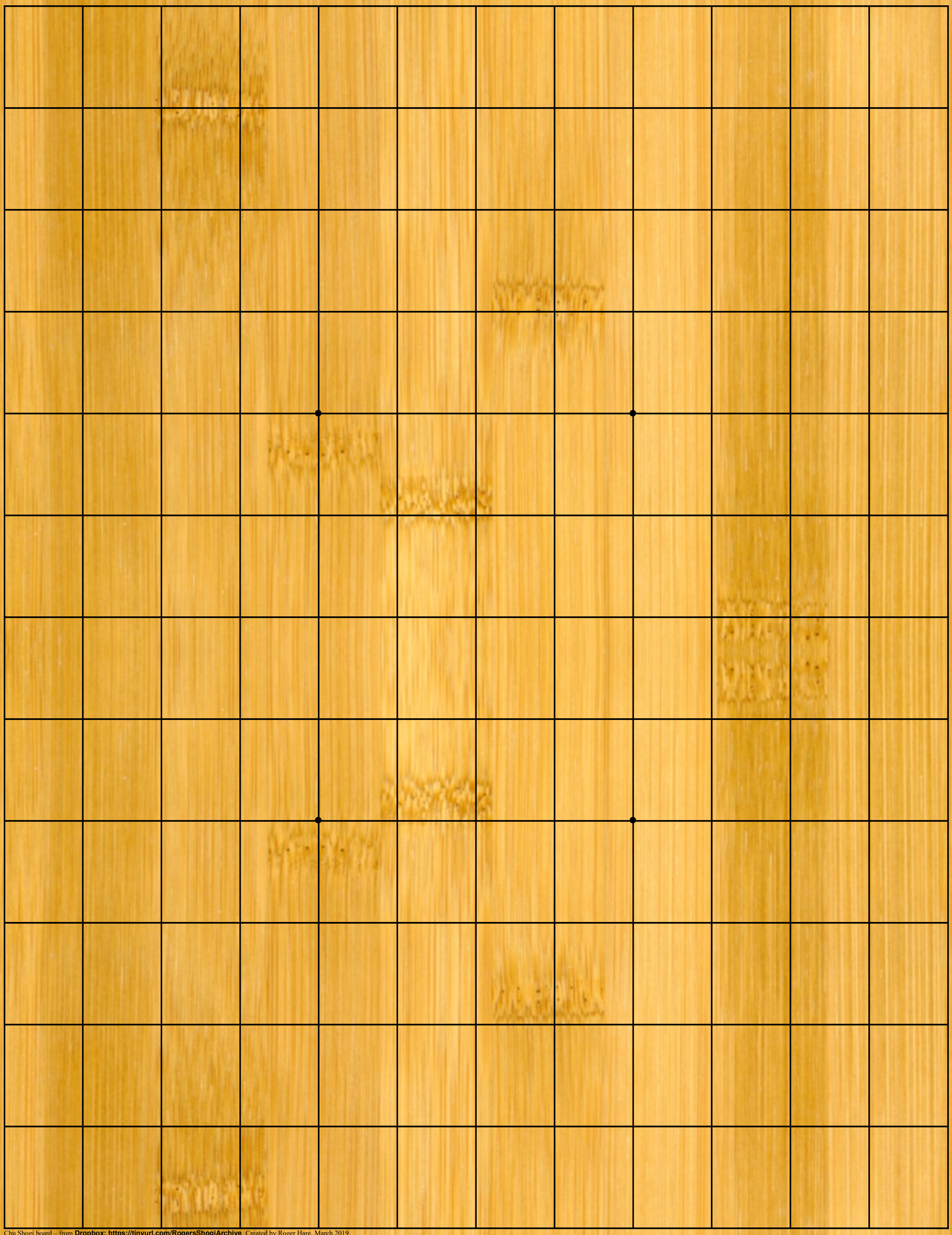

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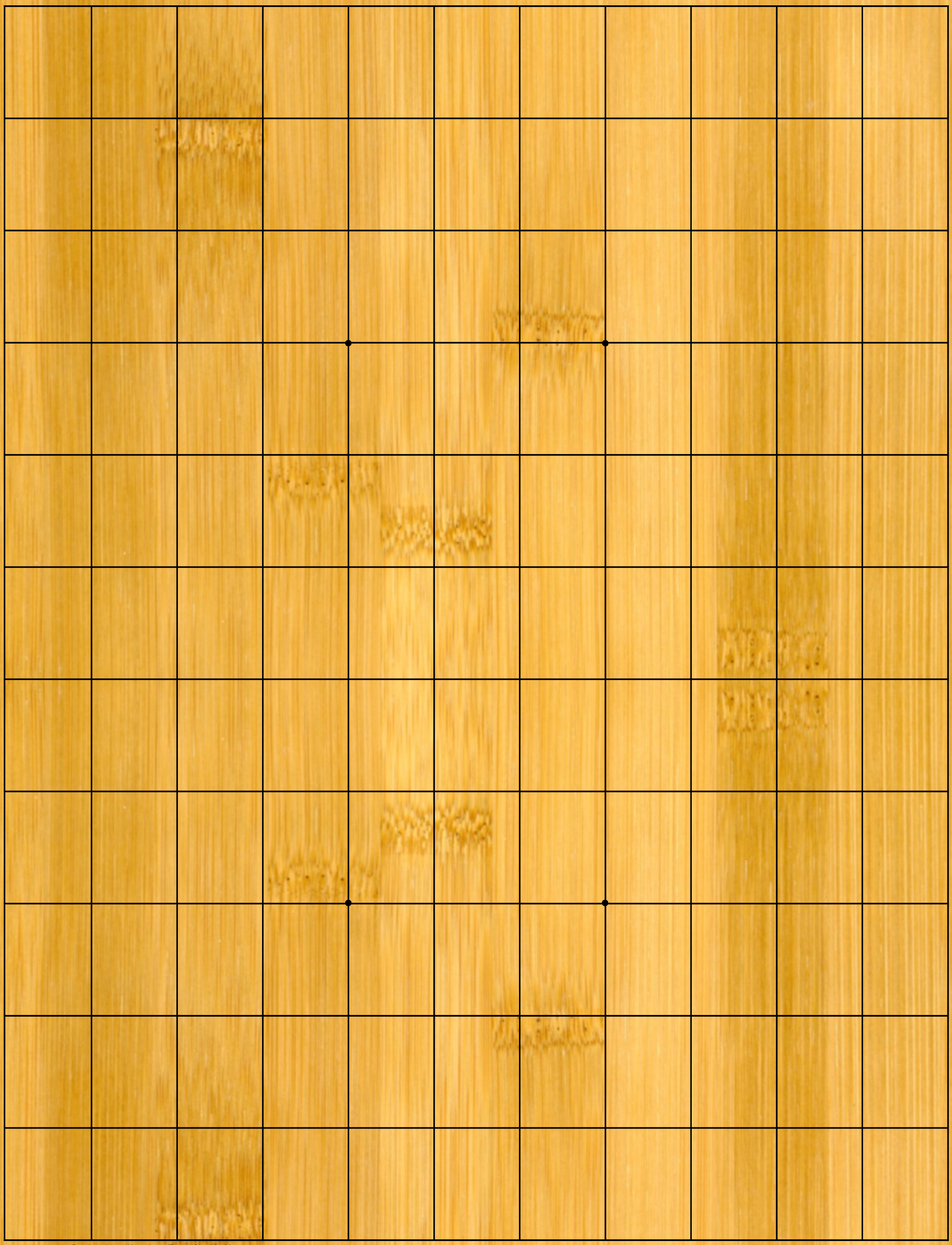
Wa Shogi Board



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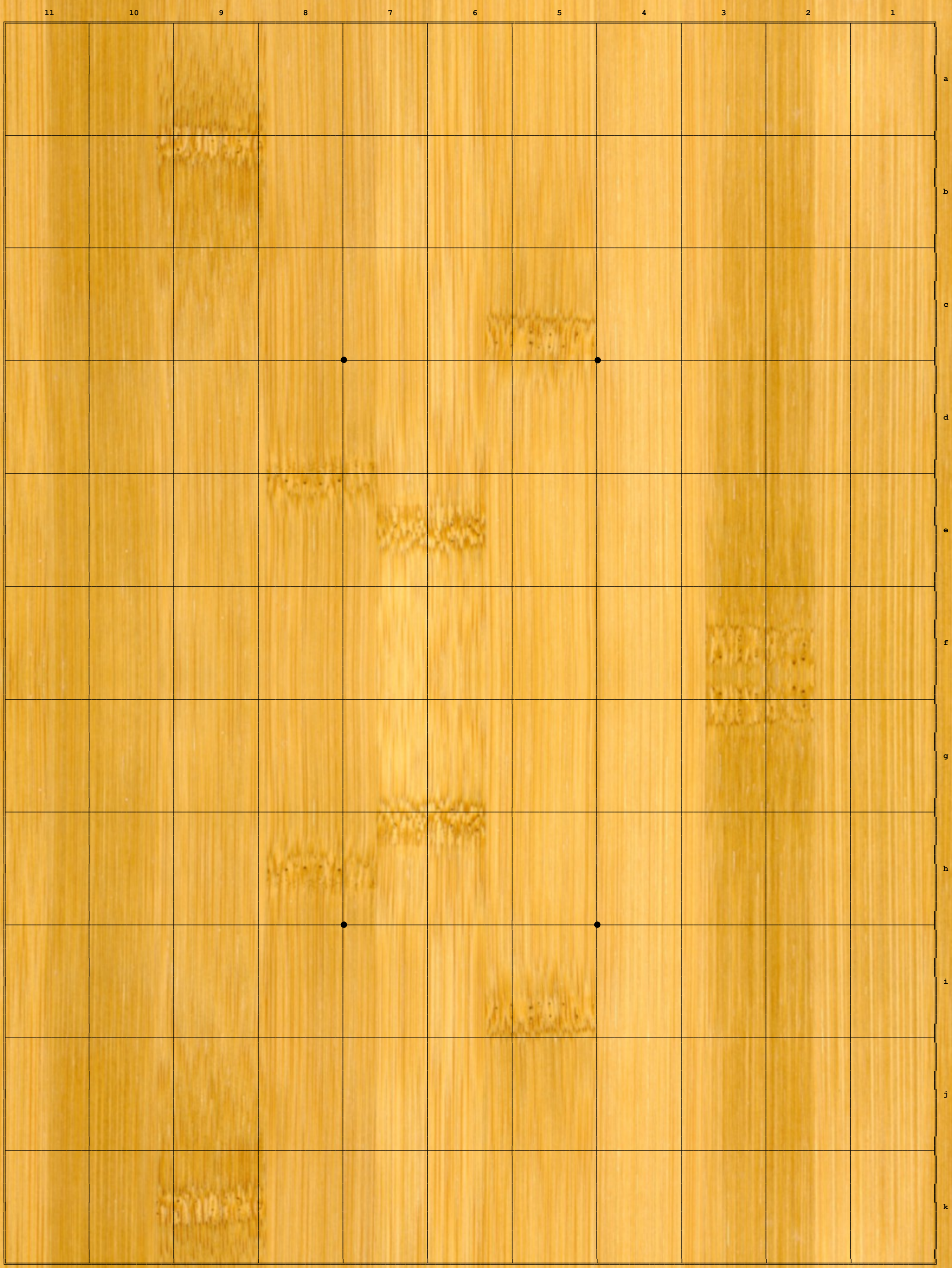

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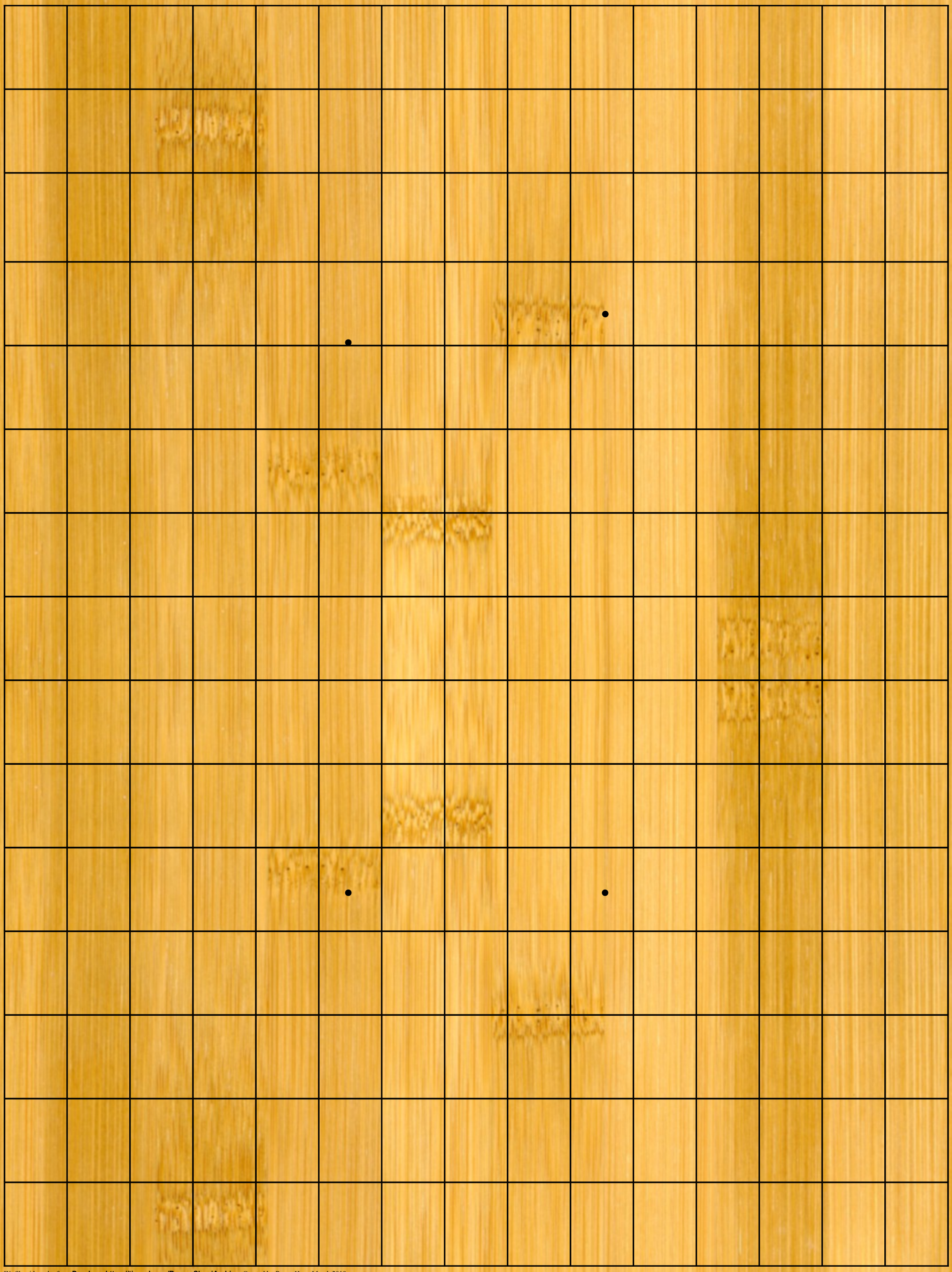
Dai Shogi Board



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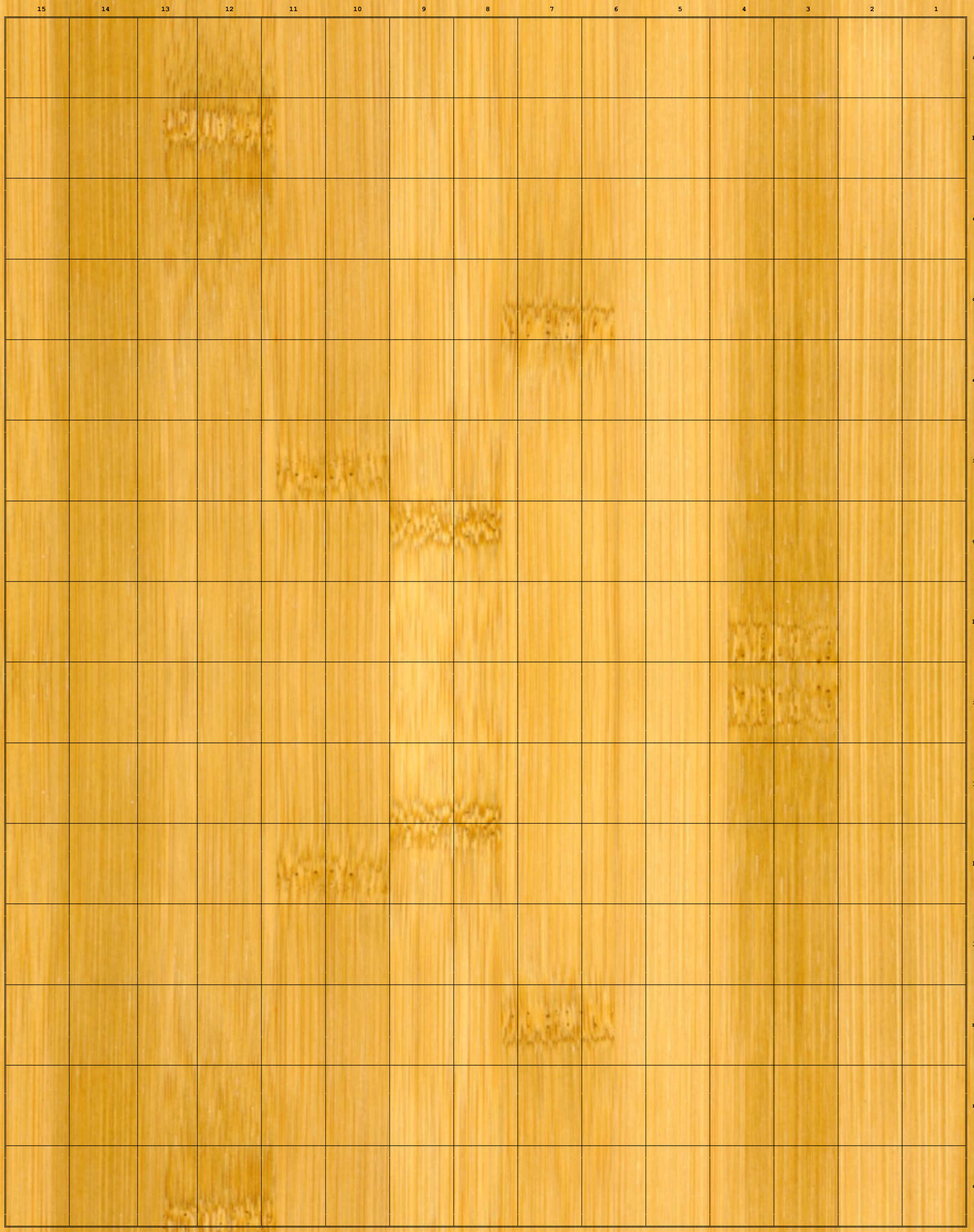
Dai Shogi Board



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